

***California
Commission on Teacher Credentialing***

***Meeting of
December 4-5, 2002***

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: **PREP - 1**

COMMITTEE: **Preparation Standards**

TITLE: **Approval of Subject Matter Preparation Programs
Submitted by Colleges and Universities**

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 Information

 Report

Strategic Plan Goal(s):

Goal 1: **Promote educational excellence through the preparation and certification
of professional educators**

- Sustain high quality standards for the preparation of professional educators
- Sustain high quality standards for the performance of credential candidates

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Executive Summary

This item presents a subject matter program recommended for approval by the appropriate review panel, according to procedures adopted by the Commission.

Fiscal Impact Summary

The Professional Services Division is responsible for reviewing proposed preparation programs, consulting as needed with external reviewers, and communicating with institutions about their program proposals. The Commission budget supports the costs of these activities and no budget augmentation is needed to continue program review and approval.

Recommendation

That the Commission approve the subject matter preparation program.

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Subject Matter Preparation Program Review Panel Recommendations

Background

Subject Matter Program Review Panels are responsible for the review of proposed subject matter preparation programs. This item presents a subject matter program recommended for approval since the last Commission meeting by the appropriate review panel, according to procedures adopted by the Commission.

Summary Information on an Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Program Awaiting Commission Approval

For the following proposed preparation program, the institution has responded fully to the Commission's standards for the Elementary Subject Matter Requirement for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. The program has been reviewed thoroughly by an Elementary Subject Matter Program review panel. The panel has judged that the program has met all applicable standards established by the Commission and recommends the program for approval by the Commission. Program information for the institution follows:

National University

National University is a nonprofit institution of higher learning dedicated to the adult learner. The University is geographically dispersed, with its academic and administrative center located in La Jolla, California. From its administrative center, National University supports a variety of academic and learning centers across California, making learning convenient for students from Chula Vista to Redding. National University has approximately 16,000 full time students, and has averaged 58 ESM graduates for the past six years.

Pathway to Subject Matter Competence: National University offers the Multiple Subjects major and a Certificate in Multiple Subjects.

Features:

- The elementary Subject Matter Program at National University features an Integrative and Expressive Arts course in which students create, rehearse, and stage an interdisciplinary performance in a public school classroom.

- The program includes an online, interdisciplinary capstone course that brings together candidates from all over the state and from each depth (concentration) area.

- National University offers a Certificate in Multiple Subjects. Designed for candidates with bachelor's degrees from out of state, or in fields other than liberal studies, the certificate includes the core of the state-required content, a targeted depth course, as well as the capstone experience.

Recommendation

That the Commission approve the following program of Elementary Subject Matter Preparation for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential.

- National University